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MARC IVOR JOHN BEALE

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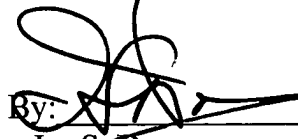
REQUEST FOR STATUS

The captioned application was filed on **December 4, 2001**. The last Office Action received to date was an Interview Summary paper, dated July 6, 2005.

In the Interview Summary, the Examiner acknowledged a fundamental deficiency in the Office Action that had been mailed April 26, 2005. He stated that he would update the search, and mail a new office action soon.

Particularly in view of the fact that the application has been pending **for more than four years**, it would seem that the case should be given top priority and that the Examiner would now act with utmost diligence. Such response is earnestly solicited, and would be sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,  
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